



13- Minutes of the IASA Board Meeting at Cambridge on August 31st, 2010

Present: Mike Blows, Patricia Crittenden (Chair), Paul Dignam (later minutes), Airi Hautamäki, Steven Hothersall, Andrea Landini, Irmie Nickel, Bente Nilsen (minutes), Martin Stokowy, Lane Strathearn, Catherine Thomas, Simon Wilkinson, and Tito Zagnutt.

Apologies: Nicole Letourneau and Emilia Sasson.

Chair Patricia Crittenden welcomed new Board Members Paul Dignam, Steve Hothershall, Catherine Thomas, Martin Stokowy and Simon Wilkinson. Formal thanks and flowers were presented to Catherine Thomas for her central role in co-ordinating the conference. Gifts of appreciation were presented to Pat Crittenden for her amazing efforts in bringing the second conference about.

Agenda:

Chair Pat Crittenden presented a 4 point agenda including 1) summing up the conference, 2) scheduling future board meetings, 3) next conference venue and organization and 4) board members' assignments. She asked that the meeting be focused and brief due to everyone's exhaustion from the conference.

1. Chair Pat Crittenden underlined that her work with the conference had been very straining for her personally. She asked the meeting to focus on what went well with the conference, with critiquing occurring on a future occasion. The positive comments included:

- a. The conference had tight scheduling, high standard of presentations and good sharing of views.
- b. The helpers were rewarded with a book of their choice.
- c. The Minister for Children's contribution and having the press present showed the importance of keeping Melanie Gill engaged and more widely distributed in her political role.
- d. The speakers were excellent.
- e. The sense of camaraderie among attendees was exciting.
- f. Sabrina Bowen's brilliance beforehand appreciated by everyone.
- g. New research opportunities opened where the DMM will be used. This emphasises the importance of IASA's role to prepare clinicians to write and present scientific work.

2. A Board meeting schedule was agreed upon including both face-to-face and tele-meetings (e.g., Skype, audio only). One of these meetings must take place relatively soon to help the new board settle in and define roles. Sabrina Bowen will be asked to confirm regional times and Skype arrangements:

- September 18, 2010 Tele, 1 hour
- February 15, 2011 Tele, 1 hour
- May ??, 2011 Face to face, 2 days in Reggio or Bertinoro, timing subject to re-arranging other tasks, and will be communicated later

3. Next conference venue and organization was introduced by Pat Crittenden. It was questioned by a new board member whether this was a proper topic and was followed by a request for clarification of the board's procedures. Pat Crittenden asked the meeting remain focused on the agenda. As this was not done, Pat Crittenden left the meeting. The remaining board members decided to finish the meeting. It was moved that Bente Nilsen, as Secretary, should function as interim chair. Paul Dignam volunteered as Secretary. The motion was passed.

The meeting addressed how IASA could be organized through a committee structure. Irmie Nickel raised the question of what standing committees might be necessary. The need for an Executive Committee was deferred pending further thought and work on the constitution. Three standing committees were suggested with possible new jobs.

- Academic Committee:
DMM research, evaluation and the conference academic programme.
Pat Crittenden, Airi Haitamäki, Nicole Letourneau, Lane Strathearn and Simon Wilkinson.
- Organising Committee:
Constitution, membership, secretariat and finance.
Paul Dignam, Andrea Landini, Irmie Nickel and Martin Stokowy.
- Activities Committee:
DMM news, Conference organisation and Webpage.
Steve Hothershall, Catherine Thomas, Emilia Sasson and Tito Zagmutt.

The next board meeting was set at September 18, 2130 London time (GMT+1), to be confirmed. The meeting adjourned for the post-conference celebration dinner, as originally planned.